

OR Math Loses Title Bid

The Oyster River High School Math Team came up short, losing its bid for a first Tri-State title in nine years by losing to Amesbury, Mass., yesterday.

The Tri-State League was the second leg in the Triple Crown which also includes the Southeastern Conference and the NH state meet. OR won the Southeastern Conference two weeks ago in Newmarket.

"This has been the strongest and best prepared math team in years," said advisor Petar Stoykovich. "We may even go to the New England's this year," he said.

The Oyster River team is anchored by seniors Dean Pomerleau, Steve Jacobson, Robert Heilbronner, Matt Dauphinais and Mike Grossi.

Other members include junior Fred Lauten and sophomores Tom Cunniff, Jon Chorlian, David Phillips and Demi Dubois.

"I felt we should have won," said Dauphinais, "I thought we were well-prepared." Much of OR's success this year was due to being well-prepared according to Mr. Stoykovich.

High scorer for the meet was Heilbronner. "I was pleased, to say the least, with his 25-point performance," said Mr.

Stoykovich.

Oyster River narrowly defeated Hanover last year in the NH state meet last year. OR travels to Plymouth tomorrow in an effort to defend its New Hampshire State title and complete the third leg of the crown.

Jenks New SC Rep.

by Chris Heisenberg

Junior Amy Jenks was elected Wednesday to fill the seat on the Student Council, vacated by the removal of Laurie Hartford.

Jenks ran unopposed in the election, and garnered a majority of votes, according to SC advisor Charles Perry.

Voter turnout was very poor, as only 13 percent of the junior class cast ballots. SC Vice Pres. Dean Pomerleau said, however, that "Only one person running had a major effect on the voter turnout."

The position was vacated March 28 after a majority of the seven council members present voted to remove Hartford. SC Pres. Jim Healy refused to disclose the exact vote.

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Homeroom Enforcement Clears Noisy Corridors

by Michael Grossi

The recent strict enforcement at Oyster River High School of attendance period regulations has been very effective in keeping students from wandering the halls, according to Prin. Gerald Daley.

Last Tuesday Mr. Daley announced that a full day detention would be given to any student found in the hallways during attendance period. This came as a result of students wandering the halls, distracting other classes, and basically disrupting the attendance procedure, said Mr. Daley.

"It's not a case of new rules being made here. It's just enforcing old ones," said Mr. Daley.

Asst. Prin. Neil Shapiro said that 24 stu-

dents have been given detention since the enforcement went into effect Thursday, and that teachers will continue to patrol the halls during homeroom. Three students were given detention on Thursday, 18 on Friday, and three on Monday.

"There was supposed to be a senior protest, but I didn't know it had been cancelled," said one of the 18 students given detention Friday.

One student said that the rule will "put pressure on second period." "People who want to smoke or get a drink will do it after attendance," the student explained.

"I don't think the rule is too strict. Students are supposed to be in their homerooms during that

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The chorus and cast of "Godspell" combine in the show's opening number, "God Save the People." (See story P.7) (Halloran Photo)

Prin. Daley May Leave; Candidate for Dover Job

by John Giles

Oyster River High School Principal Gerald A. Daley is presently one of four finalists being considered for the job of superintendent of the Dover Schools.

Mr. Daley is competing for the job with Eugene Alberson of Carmel, Ind.; Richard Hilinski, from Erie, Pa.; and George Kay, presently assistant superintendent of the Dover schools.

Mr. Daley declined to comment on whether or not he has more applications out for other jobs, but said he is not seeking specifically to leave ORHS. "I'm very happy here, but I think there are other challenges on other areas where I can be effective," he said.

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18 ORHS Students In Government Trip

By John Vittands

Tomorrow and Saturday, 18 Oyster River High School students will attend the second session of the YMCA Youth in Government simulation in Concord.

These students will meet in the actual State House and Senate Chambers with students from schools across the state to simulate state government in action.

During the first session of the simulation,

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Latin Banquet Set Tonight

by Beth Mullins

The eighteenth annual Latin banquet will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in the Oyster River High School cafeteria.

The Latin banquet is sponsored by the Latin club, and will cost \$2.50 per person, said Latin teacher Linda Herbst.

The Latin banquet is

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Gym Floor Set for Repair To Be Finished In October

by Robin Miller

A reported \$10,000 to \$75,000 will be spent between now and October to improve the Oyster River High School gym floor, according to OR Maintenance Supervisor M.G. Thompson.

The gym floor may not be ready until the end of next October, said Mr. Thompson, if the entire floor needs to be redone.

Physical Education teacher Jim Boulanger said gym classes would not be disrupted if the floor were not ready. All activities are outside at this time.

Rainy days will be for movies or "in room study," if there is a room available. Since basketball practice starts in November, there should be no problem with it, he said.

The maximum figure of \$75,000 will be needed to replace the entire floor if the drainage system to be installed around the perimeter of the school is not sufficient. Mr. Thompson is already contacting contractors to build the original system. This will cost \$10,000, he said.

External water has been determined to be causing the problem after extensive tests with the drainage and internal water systems. Mr. Thompson explained that water has found a way through the concrete, and is rotting the wood. The wood has swollen and forced the wood up.

"If the drainage system works, sections of the floor will be pulled up to check the wood. These sections may be changed if the

floor is bad, as was done last year. If the sleepers (the bottom layers of wood) are rotted away, the whole floor will have to be replaced, said Mr. Thompson.

The present floor in the gym consists of 4 layers. These are shown in the illustration along with the 2 proposed extra layers.

If the floor is to be replaced, everything down to the cement will be removed. A water vapor pad (a sort of acrylic) will be sprayed over the cement. Another layer of cement will cover this. The same series of wood layers will follow, stated Mr. Thompson

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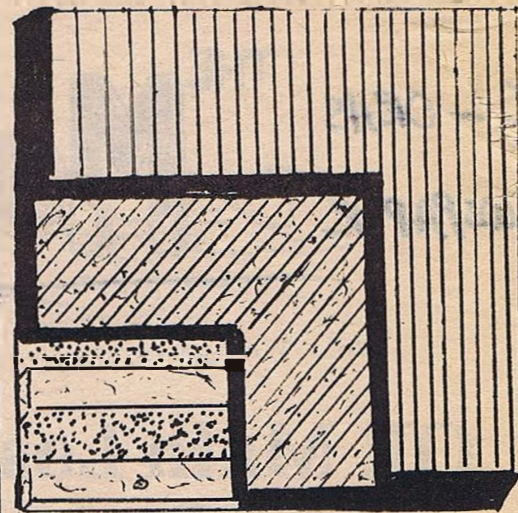
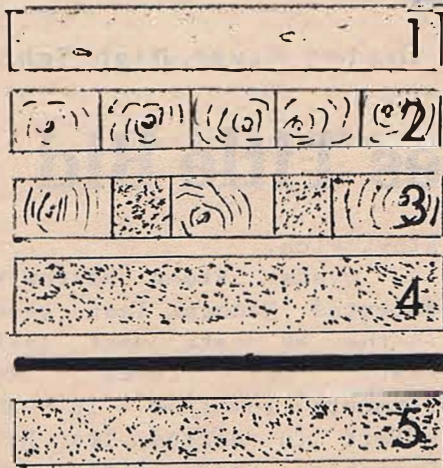
beginning because there was some rumbling by the cast that another student was the choreographer. But she won them over with her competence.

Mr. Tappan had no difficulty with her being a student choreographer or with her being the choreographer and a member of the cast. He says, "She was the least of my worries in this plays."

Cast member Figueroa says that being a member of the cast helped Julie in her role as choreographer because "she knew how nervous and unsure we felt up there on stage sometimes."

PROPOSED FLOOR

- 1.) TOP FLOOR
- 2.) SUB FLOOR
- 3.) SLEEPERS
- 4.) TWO PROPOSED LAYERS
- 5.) CEMENT PAD



SURFACE
SUBFLOOR
SLEEPERS

PRESENT FLOOR

Room 11 Changes May Be Made

by Scott Chamberlin

"Small changes" to room 11 could be made as soon as the end of the 1982-83 school year according to ORHS Prin. Gerald A. Daley.

The Climate Committee is discussing proposed changes to room 11. Among these changes would be a new bulletin board, painting for the walls, and the removal of some fixed desks.

Mr. Daley will talk to Mr. Powers next week on the matter, he said.

The major purpose of the changes is to give the room flexibility, says Mr. Daley. He feels the changes would be beneficial if the room could be used for holding small group discussions as well as keep its lecture capability.

While decisions have not been made yet, the cost will be a big impact on the extent of the changes.

However any major changes to take place will go on next year's budget, Mr. Daley said.

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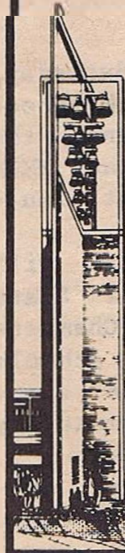
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As the owner of Hair Designs, Mike Marshall would like to thank everyone who entered our contest because it would not have been successful without super people like you. Fortunately I did not have to do the judging as all of the contestants were sensational and all deserved to win. To Don Nadreau Jr., Dr. Jane Forest and Marlyn Pucci our sincere thanks for the time you spent judging.



Runners up, Jennifer Wilde (left), of Dover, N.H. and Christine LaRoche of Dover, N.H., will receive portraits from Memories Studios in North Hampton.



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Music Funds

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They received \$1,993. However, Mr. Powers said that this is a big increase over last year.

In terms of equipment, Ms. Plourde said that the district primarily needs large instruments. The music department needs instruments that parents can't afford for their children, such as tubas, bassoons, cellos, string basses, bass drums and tympani.

Last year's entire equipment budget and Friends of Music funds went into restoring the high school Steinway, said Ms. Plourde.

The music department asked for stipends for directors of orchestra, jazz choir, and the middle school musical. Orchestra music or instruments."

and jazz choir are accredited courses held after school. Currently, all three positions are unfunded.

"Why should other people be paid for their activity schedules while music teachers are not?" Ms. Plourde asked.

"Maybe they (the positions) should be (funded)," said Mr. Powers. But the music department initiated the programs on their own, he continued. Due to the school board priorities this year, they were not funded, he added. Two years ago however, the choral director was made a full-time position, Mr. Powers said.

"We can't do any more," said Ms. Plourde. "There are only so many things you can do without school musical. Orchestra music or instruments."

11 To Go on French Trip

by Allison Walker

April 23, 11 Oyster River High School French students will go to France for two weeks to study the language and culture, according to ORHS French teacher Juliette Dubois.

Juniors Ethan Gilsdorf, Martha Dunn, Carrie Temple, Don Parks and sophomores Andy Deal, Penny Langley, Geoff Fitzgerald, Sue Parson, Demi Dubois, Nancy Erbsstein and Dan Wrightsman will take part

in the trip.

The cost of the trip is about \$632. This sum includes air fare room and board. Students are responsible for their own spending money, according to Me. Dubois.

The students will be staying with French families throughout Paris. During the week, students will attend school classes. Me. Dubois says, "Yes, I'll be taking attendance daily."

In the past French trips, students have stayed in hotels for a few nights. By staying with families, the students will save close to \$100, said Carrie Temple.

"Besides going to school, we will take 2 days off and visit chateaus, wine and perfume factories and the cathedral at Chartres," said Temple.

Senior Poll Asks \$15 Dinner, Dance

by Russell Hornbeck

Results of the Oyster River High School Senior Banquet poll recently indicated students would prefer an evening banquet costing under \$15 for a meal and dancing to a band.

All 86 participants voted to have the banquet in the evening. The vast majority, 63, voted to have both a meal and dancing. Only 9 preferred just a meal, and 12 wanted only dancing.

Approximately two-thirds of those polled preferred a band to a D.J. All but six students voted to set the price around \$10 or \$15.

The committee ignored responses to whether dress should be formal or casual because, "People didn't understand what we meant by formal," said Senior Banquet Co-Chairperson Dorie Schwebel. "Our idea of formal was sport coats and dresses." The decision was made to have semiformal dress.

Twenty-four people gave suggestions for banquet locations, 17 for the New England Center, and 7 for the Exeter Inn. "We are definitely going to check into these two places," said Co-Chairperson Kevin Ronan. Ronan added that, "There is a push to have the banquet close to home because of the incident involving Damen Spencer last year."

Twenty students volunteered to be on the Senior Banquet Committee. The major responsibility of these seniors will be to look at different places.

Sophomore Attends Leader Conference

By Chris Glawe

Oyster River High School sophomore Demi Dubois attended the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference March 25, 26 and 27 at the Ramada Inn in Dover.

Dubois was among 43 students chosen from around New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. Dubois was selected on the basis of her essay to represent ORHS.

The annual conference was originated by actor Hugh O'Brien in 1958 with the purpose of finding 15 to 16 year olds with leadership abilities. At the conference the students discussed the many facets of leadership.

Attending the conference were sponsor O'Brien and NH Congressman Norm D'Amours.

At the end of the conference, two students were selected on the basis of essays written during the event to attend a national leadership conference in Washington, DC. Although she wasn't selected to go to Washington Dubois said, "It was a lot of fun."

Mr. Daley

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"I feel that I need to grow beyond my present position both personally and professionally. Also someday, not necessarily now, Oyster River will need some new blood," Mr. Daley explained. He feels "75 percent" sure he will be at ORHS next year.

Mr. Daley is presently finishing his doctorate at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He attended St. John Seminary College in Boston from 1958 to 1965 where he received both master's and bachelor's degrees.

He received his six-year teaching certificate in 1971 from Hartford University.

Music Groups Need Money Charges OR Coordinator

by Kevin Ronan

The school board has not funded the music program to the degree promised in 1979, claims Oyster River Music Coordinator Gindy Plourde.

"(Former) Asst. Supt. (William) Sowers promised me if I built up the district music program, then the school board would fund it," said Ms. Plourde. "In my mind, the school board has not funded us adequately yet."

The district music program has increased in four years, said Ms. Plourde, from a few music enthusiasts to a coordinated system of over 800 students and staff of nearly 30 people. However, Ms. Plourde maintains that funding has not kept up. The department needs money to buy music and equipment for the expanded program, she said.

OR music teachers presently run courses after school and direct student activities without pay. "How much do they expect us to do outside our jobs?" asked Ms. Plourde.

Supt. John Powers said that the board is "doing the best it can, being fair to the public, to support the arts." The board works from priorities: "Which investment will do the greatest good for the most students?" Mr. Powers said.

Recently though, Mr. Powers said that the district took a "big step forward" in establishing an independent account for the music department. He said that the new account made the music department much more visible. As a result, he said, music won't "get lost in the shuffle, competing with other courses" for funding. All other departments, except for physical education, remain in a general account.

When Ms. Plourde came to the district in 1979:

--General classroom music was taught in grades K-8.

--There were ten students in the elementary school band, meeting once a week.

--There was a small middle school chorus and a small middle school band, both meeting twice a week.

--There were three music courses offered in the high school.

Today, the district has a coordinated music curriculum for grades K-12, so that if students have taken music from kindergarten through 12th grade, they should have a good musical education, said Ms. Plourde.

Ms. Plourde generated interest in the music program by inviting guest musicians to demonstrate instruments at the elementary and middle schools. So many children responded, and wanted to play so many different instruments, that she developed a private lesson program. Today, Ms. Plourde supervises 25 private teachers of 500 students.

When OR Choral Director Iris Levine was hired three years ago, she developed a middle school choral program. She also added a middle school musical. Now instead of 30 children in the middle school chorus, there are 110 said Ms. Levine.

In 1979, band, chorus and choral ensemble were taught at the high school. Today, music theory, advanced music theory and American studies have been added to the curriculum. Students can also take orchestra and jazz choir after school for credit.

The district communities have also taken part in building the music program. A summer community orchestra and a community support group, "The Friends of Music" were established.

Musical arrangements cost \$35-\$50 a piece, and the band plays 16-20 pieces a year, said Ms. Plourde. The band also needs music for class for sight reading and scales exercise, as well as ensemble pieces. All-State and All-New England competitions also require music. The minimum amount needed for the performing groups, not including the classroom music is \$560. The entire ORHS instrumental music literature budget is \$600. The middle school band receives \$200.

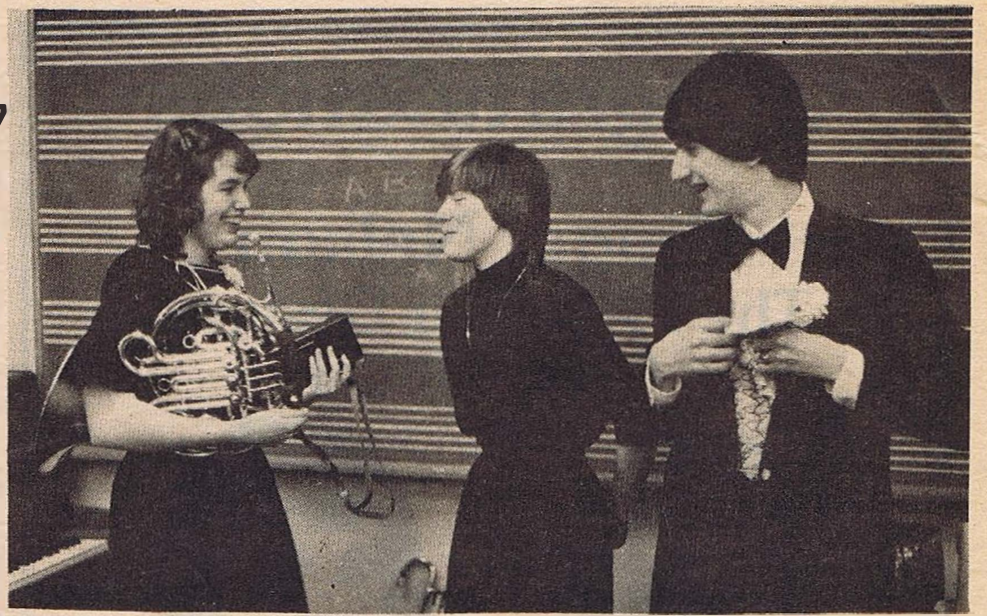
The orchestra uses music donated by the summer community orchestra. This means a gift of \$600-\$700 each year, said Ms. Plourde.

Choral music must be bought in sheets per person. A sheet of music costs 75 cents to \$1, said Ms. Levine. There are 40 people in the high school chorus.

The chorus performs at least 25 pieces a year, said Ms. Levine. Thus the chorus needs a minimum of \$750 per year. They receive \$600. With 110 students involved, the middle school chorus receives \$200, said Ms. Levine.

The music department requested \$2967 for musical supplies for the district, according to Mr. Powers.

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Meg Smith, Grace Dauphanais, and Andy Grossi prepare for the OR Orchestra's appearance at the large group Music Festival. (Halloran photo)

Music Gets High Scores

by Jeanne Carlisle

March 25, according to ORHS Music Dir. Cindy Plourde.

The Oyster River High School Orchestra and Middle School Band both received high ratings, competing at the Large Group Festival, from approximately 50 schools around the state.

Latin

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an annual event at ORHS where all participants must wear togas, and other Roman costumes. During the banquet, all Latin one students traditionally act as slaves, while Latin two, three, and four students preside as masters.

At this year's banquet there will be 32 slaves, and 54 masters. There will also be 12 guests, ORHS Prin. Gerald Daley, ORHS Asst. Prin. Neil Shapiro, ORHS Spanish teacher Susan Smith and Susan Gonye, ORHS Latin teacher Cheryl Grimes, presently on a leave of absence, ORHS Latin three teacher Joan Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Milliken, ORHS language and music teacher Sharon Weesner, Latin teacher Linda Herbst, ORHS science teacher Charles Perry and ORHS English teacher Richard Tappan.

A libation written by the Latin four students and translated by the Latin three students will begin the banquet. Then two Latin skits will be presented by the Latin two students. Then there will be slave games, a large Roman feast, and a slave auction of Latin three and four students.

Election

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Healy cited Article 11, Section 3, of the SC constitution which states "Any member who shows repeated unexcused absences may be removed from the Student Council after at least one warning and a majority secret ballot vote," as the reason for her dismissal.

The ORHS Band did not enter this year. Too few students have enrolled in band, Ms. Plourde explained.

Three judges along with performing students graded in letter fashion.

-A excellent (90-100 percent)

-B good (80-90 percent)

-C fair (70-80 percent)

-D poor (below 70 percent)

Performing "Concertino in G" by Sammartini, "Hungarian Dance Number 1" by Brahms and "Fourth Air and Varie" by Dancla, the ORHS orchestras earned one of the very few A ratings given. A plaque will be on display in the school soon, Ms. Plourde said.

The three judges commented on strong points in appearance, stage deportment, (how the orchestra acted on stage), and the string section. "The judges were very critical," Ms. Plourde said.

The ORHS Band received an over all B rating. "It's a very young group, approximately 65 percent are sixth graders," Ms. Plourde explained. Judges pointed out good technique, blend, and appearance, she said.

"Listening to the other groups was fun, especially the big bands," Senior Meg Smith commented.

"This gives them a chance to observe and compare other groups with them and learn from the experience," Ms. Plourde stated.

"We are not a do-nothing organization, but a responsible one," Healy said. However, Hartford was not being made into an example by the council, he emphasized.

\$10,000 Computer Grant Sought for ORHS Library

By John Vittands

Teacher Michelle Reardon set up the grant to:

--Expand the research capability of school district libraries through High School teachers last computers week submitted a Tandy-Radio Shack sponsored grant for \$10,000 worth of computer equipment.

--Provide a suitable environment for developing research skills

--Serve as a model Librarian Barbara Broderick, Math Teacher Barbara Hill and Career Ed. This grant would provide a room in the school for on-line retrieval of information from the state library and, in the future, from other school libraries.

Youth

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students were elected to various posts in the state government. ORHS senior Robert Heilbronner ran for Governor and ORHS junior Anne Marshall ran for Speaker of the House.

Heilbronner placed fourth in the election, in which Joe Laplante of Nashua was elected. Marshall also placed fourth.

Friday, Governor John Sununu and Speaker of the House John Tucker will speak to the students.

During the afternoon Friday and all day Saturday, the students will act out state government in action.

Other ORHS students attending are seniors John Griffith, Jim Griffith, Steve Jacobson, Jim Healy, Matt Dauphinais, Joan Heisey and Karin Kayser. Also participating are juniors Fred Lauten, Craig West, Karen Rockenmacher and sophomores Maryanne Hogarty, Kristin Federer, Andy Gillespie, Tom Cuniff and David Seperson.

Homeroom

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time," said Mr. Shapiro.

Mr. Daley attended the Student Council meeting Tuesday to answer questions concerning the homeroom issue, according to SC Vice Pres. Dean Pomerleau.

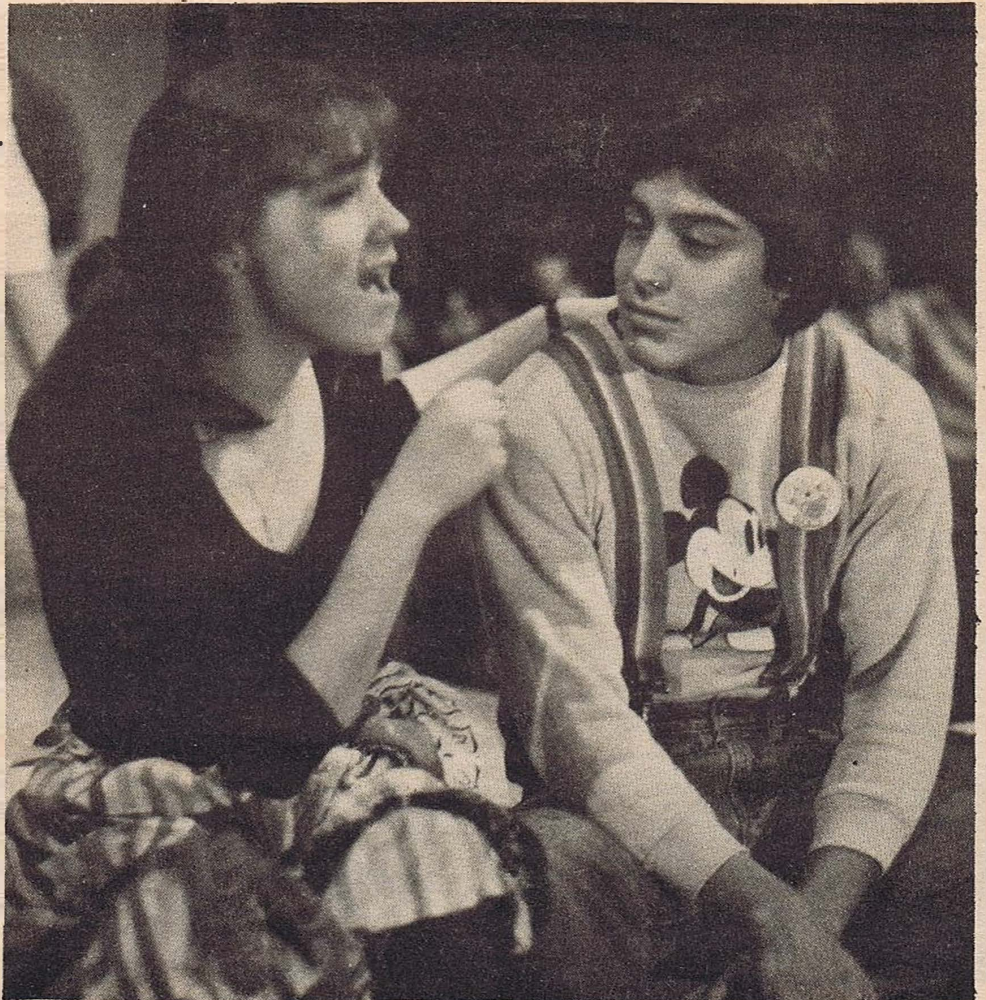
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Ellen Jensen sings "Day by Day" to Rafael Figueroa (Jesus) in "Godspell". (Halloran Photo)

SADD Sends 2 to Exeter

by Joel Kertzer

Next Friday two students from Oyster River High School will go to

Exeter Area High School to represent the ORHS Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Program, according to SADD member Bonnie Spencer.

Juniors Spencer and John Giles will speak about ORHS' program, which is the first in the state. Also attending will be Concerned Citizens Against Drunk Driving (CCADD) Pres. Lee Spencer and possibly ORHS Nurse Elizabeth Kleine. EAHS has invited students from 16 area schools, including Portsmouth High, to speak about their SADD programs. EAHS does not yet have a SADD program but are interested in how other schools have accomplished it.

"It's a chance to exchange ideas," noted Bonnie Spencer. She also added "Portsmouth High School has a SADD program, too, and this is a good time to get together with them."

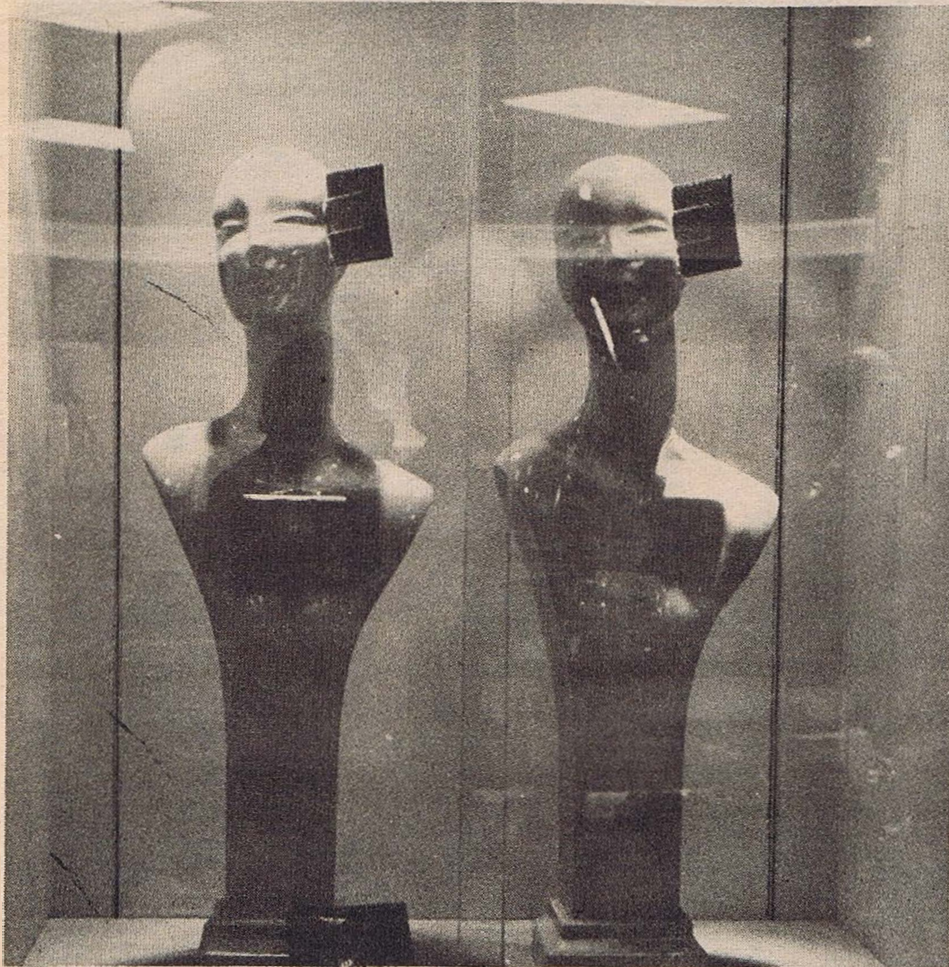
In other events, 12 ORHS SADD members participated in Victims' Day in Concord, according to Giles.

Victims Day was a memorial service for all people killed in drunk-driving accidents in the past five years.

An estimated 125 people heard Governor John Sununu, Bonnie Spencer, John Giles and Lee Spencer speak. They urged tougher legislation against drunk driving.

Last week SADD made \$27.75 on a bake sale held after school. Upcoming events may include a benefit concert by the Shaw Brothers.





These two female mannequins were part of a recent display at Jordan Marsh at the Fox Run Mall. Several female figures were displayed in the nude, or with wallets, pocketbooks, or pillows on their heads in what store officials called an "artistic" display.

16-Page Supplement Due in June

The 1983 TRION will publish a 16-page, black-and-white supplement, covering spring activities, to be available the last week of school, yearbook officials have announced.

The supplement will cover graduation, senior follies, the French trip, the prom and spring sports. It will cost \$2, according to TRION Advisor Jay Simmons.

Trion Meets June Deadline

by Kevin Ronan

Advisor Jacqueline Hinckley, collected advertisements. By Tuesday, 26 pages were complete.

The 1983 Oyster River High School TRION is scheduled for a June delivery, according to TRION Advisor Jay Simmons. Some ads were just coming in over the final week, Spencer said, so she had no time to lay them out.

The 144-page TRION will contain all school activities held before spring, Editor Peter Halloran commented. Mr. Simmons called the TRION a "real success." He credits this success to student work.

This year's TRION will be "coherent, but different," said Editor Sylvie Fortier. Its cover is that of a NH license plate reading "TRION." Last year, 200 copies of the TRION were sold, Mr. Simmons added. This year, 350 have been sold, possibly due to promotion early in the year. Posters, tape recordings over the PA, and a school-wide assembly all brought the TRION to the attention of Oyster River students.

In previous years, the TRION has been delivered during the next school year. This year, however, OR students will get their yearbooks in the spring.

The last 39 pages were due March 12 at Taylor Publishing in Dallas, Tex. At least 26 of those 39 pages were mailed early, due largely to the efforts of Fortier, Halloran, and Ed. Asst. Bonnie Spencer. Ms. Hinckley's Office Procedures class contacted businesses, sold ads, and obtained copy from businesses for ads, Mr. Simmons said. They also wrote letters to parents and teachers asking for donations for the TRION, Mr. Simmons continued, and they filed all of the money coming in.

Early in March, Fortier, Halloran and Spencer were faced with almost 40 pages of blank lay-out sheets, said Fortier. Over one weekend they arranged and wrote copy for the pictures, and with the help of Financial

"We have enough money for the yearbook," Mr. Simmons said.



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Julie Knight looks befuddled in "debtor's prison" during the musical "Godspell". (Halloran photo)

OR Musical Makes Profit But Could Lose Directors

by John Stech

Despite a successful production of the spring musical "Godspell," the Oyster River High School Drama Club may lose both of its directors, according to Directors Richard Tappan and Iris Levine.

Ms. Levine has planned a one-year leave of absence next year to attend graduate classes at Temple University in Philadelphia. The choral directing course lasts two years, and she plans to apply for an extension of her one-year leave, she said.

Mr. Tappan had dif-

ficulty in keeping up with school work and directing the play, he said. He feels his teaching went downhill during practice periods. "I'm not sure I'll tackle it again next year," Mr. Tappan said.

"Godspell" made a \$600 profit during a three-night run March 24-26.

The cast received a standing ovation after each performance. Chorus member Amanda Waterfield said, "The reaction of the audience made a great impression on the actors and made us try our best." About 1300 people attended the three shows.

The shows had minor problems, but nothing major. "Sometimes, people forgot their lines or props, but usually they were covered up smoothly," said Kevin Ronan of the play's cast. Much of the play was ad-libbed, he explained.

"The actors all made new friends and got a lot closer to ones they already had," according to cast member Dan Wrightsman. All cast members agree that they will miss working with the other actors.

Drama Club Dance Tomorrow Night

by Joel Kertzer

The Oyster River High School Drama Club will sponsor a dance tomorrow night from 8 until 11 p.m. in the ORHS cafeteria, according to Drama Club Pres. Kevin Ronan.

Tickets will be \$2 and proceeds will go toward the cost of productions for the 1983-1984 year. Ronan says the Drama Club expects to make \$250 from the dance.

Music will be provided by the Now Sound Express.

Julie Knight Paces "Godspell" Play

by Dean Pomerleau

The cast of "Godspell" mills around the colorful props at rehearsal in the Oyster River High School gym, one week before their performance.

Senior Julie Knight guides Jim Healy and Rafael Figueroa through their difficult soft-shoe number,

"All For The Best," with high-stepping enthusiasm. "Stay in step," she urges.

This duet was one of the more challenging aspects of the musical "Godspell," because of its intricate dance steps and rapid tempo. "Rafael thought he had two left feet but both Jim and Rafael have natural dancing ability," says Knight.

Nevertheless, it was challenging for Knight to be the first student choreographer in an ORHS musical as well as an actress in the musical, "Godspell."

Knight says that it was difficult devoting three hours a day to the play, but she adds, "I've always been a busy person so I've learned to discipline myself."

She has been in two high school musicals, "Bye, Bye Birdie," and "Once Upon a Mattress," and in addition, she choreographed the ORHS production of "Scrooge" last December.

Although she has had a lot of drama and dance experience, she admits she was worried about how the cast would respond to her as choreographer. But she says, "It worked pretty well. I'm thankful to everyone involved with the play for being so cooperative."

Director Richard Tappan agrees, saying, "It was rough for her in the

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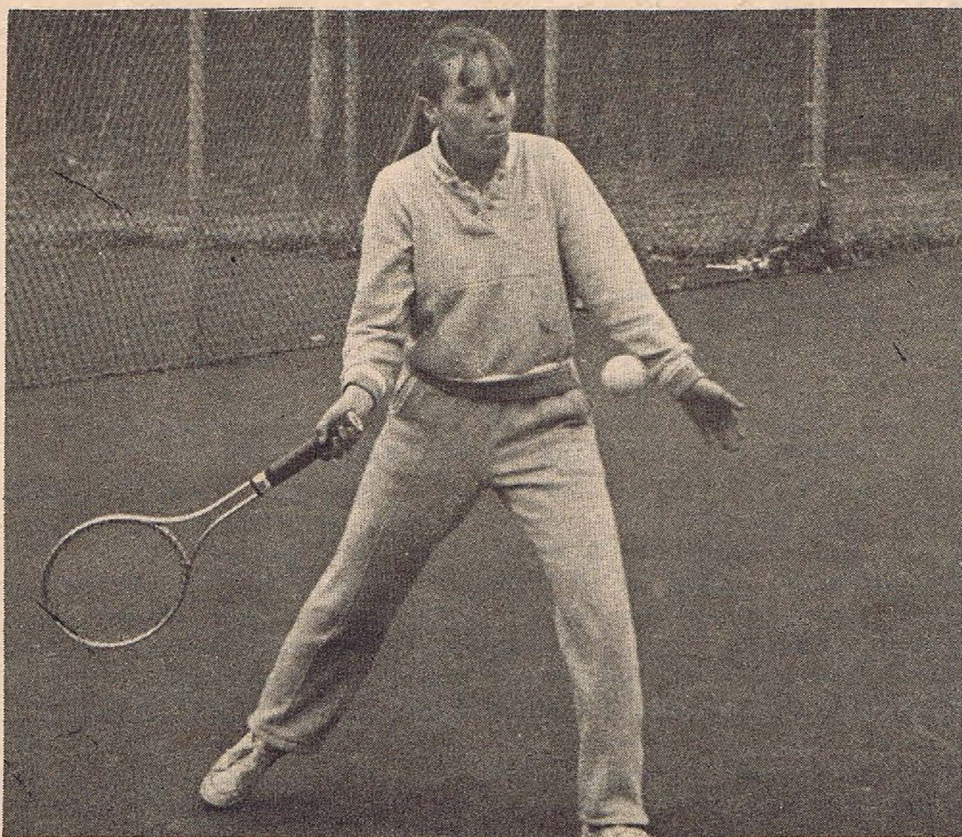
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Ninth grader Mary Kleine prepares for a forehand at tennis practice this week. Kleine and Brett Dimambro are the only ninth-graders joining the nine-member squad. (Halloran photo)

Softball Seeks New Field

The Oyster River Girls' Softball Team opens its season this Tuesday at Newmarket at 3:30 p.m. and will open at home against Exeter, perhaps in a new location.

The present field at the high school lacks a backstop and the infield is dangerous to the players. The field causes the ball to jump off the ground and can seriously injure a player, Coach David Nichols said.

Mr. Nichols wants the girls' team to use the softball fields at the Father Lawless Fields in the Woodridge Road neighborhood. The town of Durham has signs posted to stay off the fields.

Mr. Nichols feels that since the Oyster River Youth Association uses the high school facilities for soccer, that ORHS can use the softball fields for games.

Mr. Nichols hopes that the schedule won't have to be changed for the fields and thinks the team can be worked around the other teams already using the fields.

Boys' Tennis Opens Friday

by John Griffith

The Oyster River High School Boys' Tennis Team will open its season next Friday at Winnacunnet, said Coach Peggy Hylton.

"We definitely have the potential to end up first in our division this year," said Coach Hylton of the team's chances of winning this season. Senior Pat Coyne said, "This year's team will go undefeated in the regular season."

Mr. Nichols went to the school board March 30, at which time they approved the use of the fields. The school board also said it will wait and see if ORYA can use the high school fields until the Parks and Recreation Committee decides whether the girls' team can use the Fr. Lawless fields. The committee met yesterday.

Track Teams Start Saturday

The Oyster River High School Boys' and Girls' track teams will open their season at Winnacunnet High School this Saturday at 10 a.m. in a tri-meet against Pinkerton Academy and Winnacunnet.

The coaches for the boys are Greg Johnson and Rich Hinkle. The girls' coaches are Doc Burton and Jim Howe. All coaches are optimistic about the upcoming season.

The boys' team will be going after their eighth straight Class I Title. Mr. Johnson said that he was pleased with the team because they had depth and would be one of the few teams in the class that

The Bobcats lost only two members from last year's 8-6 team, Roger Weiland and Praynay Ramdev. Ninth graders Gavin O'Connell and Jeff Matusow have taken their places, said Coach Hylton.

Returning from last year's team are seniors Greg Bennett, Russell Hornbeck, Pat Coyne, Robert Heilbronner, junior Tim Conlon, and sophomores Sam Meeker, Jeff Jacobson and Rob Davis.

Boys' Nine Stress Defense

The Oyster River High School Varsity Baseball team will open its season Monday at 4 p.m. at home against Bishop Brady.

Baseball coach Lou Mroz says, "This is the best defensive team ever." He added the pitching was questionable at the beginning of the season but now looks strong.

The baseball team has been practicing for two to two-and-a-half hours a day since March 15 to get ready for the season.

Seniors Sean Cavanaugh and Scott Rogers and juniors Mike May and Keith Weston will pitch for the Bobcats this season.

Third-year team member and senior Eli Tillinghast will catch and the infield will consist of Cavanaugh at first, when not pitching, sophomore Carl Sobocinski at second, who Mr. Mroz says has a lot of potential, junior Bill Fraser at third, and Joe Reid at shortstop who Mr. Mroz says is a potential All-Seacoast candidate.

The outfield consists of returning senior Jamie Poorman at center, Mike May in left when he's off the mound, and at right junior Dave Eastman who Mr. Mroz says has lots of ability

could place in every event. Mr. Johnson, who works with the short distance and field events, added, "No records are expected to be broken this year, but we want to send more people to the state meet than ever before."

Mr. Hinkle agreed saying, "This year's team has a lot of potential." He added that the only two events that might be lacking would be shotput and the pole-vault.

Both coaches are expecting a lot from the seniors on the team: Chris Smith, Eric Poole, Robin Miller, Jim Healy, who will run short distance and compete in the field events for the Bobcats.

Seniors competing in the long distance events are John Griffith, Mike Grossi, John Katz, Jim Griffith, and Jon Holter.

Underclassmen who are expected to help are juniors John Tegan, Chris Leitz, Mike Wellington, and Fred Lauten. Along with sophomore Dave Elliot.

As for the girls' team, Assistant Coach Jim Howe thought that this year would be a tough one for the team. "This year's track is a training period for next year."

and quickness.

Junior Jeff Lisbon, the key reserve man, has a good attitude and desire, Mr. Mroz said.

Mr. Mroz is excited about coaching.

Girls' Tennis Opens at Home

By John Griffith

The Oyster River High School Girls' Tennis Team will open its season April 15 at home against Winnacunnet, said Coach Carol Haaland.

"We have a very strong team this year and should do extremely well," said Coach Haaland of the team's chances of winning the state meet this season. Senior Dorie Schwebel was more cautious. "It's too far away and we can't think about it now. We know what we want but we must work hard to get it," said Schwebel.

"Our team has a lot of depth. We are extremely tough right through the line up," said Coach Haaland. Five members are returning from last year's team: seniors Dorie Schwebel, Julie Knight, Suzanne Hebert, junior Sue Long and sophomore Kathy Lauten.

Junior Julie Sasner is returning to tennis this season after participating in track last year. New this year are senior Maria Parks, sophomore Christine Ruffner, and ninth grader Mary Kleine.

Star Students In Swim Meet

Five Oyster River High School students, along with nine other Oyster River Otters will be swimming Sunday in the Maine-New Hampshire All Star Meet in Exeter, according to Otter team captain Dick Dawson.

The students, including seniors Amy Austin, Dick Dawson and Dean Pomerleau, sophomore Meredith Bennett and ninth grader Brendan Ronan were chosen from among approximately 1100 swimmers at the Grante State Swim Association Championship March 26 and 27.

At that meet, these swimmers and 110 other swimmers from Durham, Lee and Madbury helped the Otters place second behind the Seacoast Stingrays, 983-918.

These All-Stars were chosen because they were among the top four swimmers in their individual events.